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## NEWS RELEASE

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### LEADING FEMINIST ARTIST TO VISIT UM FOR MARCH 5 LECTURE

#### MISSOULA --

Miriam Schapiro, a nationally known feminist artist, will discuss her work during a free public lecture at The University of Montana Thursday, March 5.

Schapiro's untitled lecture, sponsored by the Jim & Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

Schapiro was one of the first to bring feminism into the creative arts, incorporating traditionally feminine arts and crafts like needlework, lace and crocheting into her paintings, said Lili Bezner, UM assistant professor of art history. Schapiro coined the term "femmage" to describe that collage-like blending of art and craft. Her work blurs the distinctions between crafts and high art, and reflects on the relationships between materials, gender and tradition, Bezner said.

The New York-based artist's works have been featured in hundreds of exhibits in the United States and abroad, as well as in numerous books and articles. She earned bachelor's, master's and master of fine arts degrees from the State University of Iowa.

Area residents interested in Schapiro's work are also invited to attend a Tuesday, March 3, showing of two videotapes about the artist and her work. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts 302.

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